

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2016

No. 7

12 noon

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Marsiling-Yew Tee)).

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Government Whip.

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Health.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Assoc Prof DANIEL GOH PEI SIONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Minister for Finance.

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Law.

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport.

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources and Ministry of Health.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Ang Mo Kio), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West), Minister of State, Ministry of Health.

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Mr DESMOND LEE (Jurong), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten), Deputy Speaker.

Mr LIM HNG KIANG (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister for Manpower.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Acting Minister for Education (Schools) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport.

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Mr DAVID ONG KIM HUAT (Bukit Batok).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong).

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Finance and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITOH YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms SUN XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister for Social and Family Development.

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower.

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies.

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Minister for National Development.

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr YEE CHIA HSING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry).

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport.

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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- 1 Papers presented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:
 - 1.1 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Change of Chief of Air Force – Presented on 1 February 2016 (S. 74 of 2016).
 - 1.2 Road Traffic (Taxi Vocational Licence Demerit Points System) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 3 February 2016 (S. L. 79 of 2016).
 - 1.3 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 3 February 2016 (S. L. 80 of 2016).
 - 1.4 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 3 February 2016 (S. L. 81 of 2016).
 - 1.5 Road Traffic (Bus Interchange and Bus Depot Operator's Licence) (Revocation) Rules 2016 – Presented on 3 February 2016 (S. L. 82 of 2016).
 - 1.6 Bus Services Industry (Appeals) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 3 February 2016 (S. L. 83 of 2016).
 - 1.7 Bus Services Industry (Bus Depot and Bus Interchange Licence) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 3 February 2016 (S. L. 84 of 2016).
 - 1.8 Bus Services Industry (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 3 February 2016 (S. L. 85 of 2016).
 - 1.9 Bus Services Industry (Bus Service Licence) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 3 February 2016 (S. L. 86 of 2016).
 - 1.10 Food (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 February 2016 (S. L. 87 of 2016).
 - 1.11 Professional Engineers (Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 10 February 2016 (S. L. 88 of 2016).
 - 1.12 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 12 February 2016 (S. L. 89 of 2016).
 - 1.13 Diplomatic and Consular Relations (ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office) Order 2016 – Presented on 19 February 2016 (S. L. 90 of 2016).
 - 1.14 Poisons (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 23 February 2016 (S. L. 91 of 2016).
 - 1.15 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 29 February 2016 (S. L. 92 of 2016).

- 2 Announcement by Speaker – Mdm Speaker made the following communication to the House:

"I have to inform honourable Members that I have on 1 February 2016 communicated to the President the Address of Thanks agreed to by resolution of this Parliament on 29 January 2016.

I also wish to inform Honourable Members that pursuant to the resolution of the House made on 29 January 2016 on the vacancy of an NCMP seat, the Clerk wrote to the Returning Officer on 1 February 2016 informing him of the vacancy arising under section 53 of the Parliamentary Elections Act and for the seat to be filled in accordance with the law.

On 4 February 2016, the Returning Officer informed me of his declaration of Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong of The Workers' Party as the candidate from East Coast GRC elected as a non-constituency Member of Parliament under section 52 of the said Act.

The declaration was gazetted on 4 February 2016.

The honourable Member, present to take his seat, will please come forward when his name is called."

- 3 Oath of Allegiance – The following Member took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance:

Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong – (Non-Constituency Member of Parliament).

- 4 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

- 5 Rearrangement of Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the Ministerial Statements by the Minister for Home Affairs and Acting Minister for Education (Schools) standing on the Order Paper for today be taken after Item 8 of the Orders of the Day."

- 6 Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act (Chapter 86 of the 2005 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Income Tax Act (Chapter 134 of the 2014 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 9/2016].

- 7 Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act (Chapter 309 of the 2011 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for Health; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 10/2016].

- 8 Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Mental Capacity Act (Chapter 177A of the 2010 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for Social and Family Development; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 11/2016].

- 9 Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister for Social and Family Development).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 48 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Registration of Criminals (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister for Manpower).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 46 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Banking (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister for National Development, on behalf of the Prime Minister).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 61 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 13 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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- 14 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 15 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 57 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 16 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn"; Debate arising.

On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 7.22 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 1 March 2016.
